

REMARKS

Claims 2, 37 and 40 have been amended. Claims 1 and 34-36 have been canceled.

Claims 44-72 have been allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-33 and 40-43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the base claim and any intervening claims.

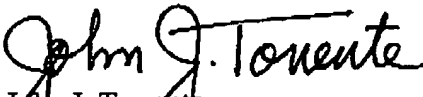
Applicants have amended claim 2 to place it in independent form. Applicants have similarly amended claim 40 to place it in independent form. Also, claim 37 has been amended to depend from claim 40. Amended claims 2 and 40, and their respective dependent claims, i.e., claims 3-33, 37-39 and 41-43, are thus all believed to be allowable.

In view of the above, all the claims remaining in the application, i.e., claims 2-33, 37-39, 40-43 and 44-72, are believed allowable or have been allowed. Accordingly reconsideration of the claims and passage of same and this application to issue is respectfully requested.

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